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A New Hampton Emerging

Take a look around Hampton these days and you are likely to notice a lot of new development. Below are some recent updates.

The Power Plant of Hampton Roads

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World is now open. It is estimated that Bass Pro will bring thousands of visitors who will stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, and shop in our stores. In addition to Bass Pro, many more shopping experiences are on their way.

Overlooking an eight-acre fountain lake in the Hampton Coliseum Central area, this high quality retail entertainment center will offer themed restaurants and dynamic entertainment tenants,



including Joe's Crab Shack, Johnny Carino's Country Italian Restaurant, Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon, Coldstone Creamery and other exciting venues. A lakefront promenade will connect many of these tenants, providing a lively and picturesque shopping and dining experience.

Hampton Roads Convention Center

Construction is well underway on the 344,000 square foot

Convention Center which will open in early 2005.

In addition, new restaurants and retail establishments will be located on-site. A covered walkway will connect the Convention Center and a new 300-suite 10-story John Q. Hammons Embassy Suites Hotel.

What Else?

The Power Plant and the Hampton Roads Convention Center have

evoked a sense of excitement elsewhere in Hampton. A number of new businesses are now investing in Hampton such as Outback Steakhouse, David's Bridal, and Ross's Dress for Less, Savannah Suites, Extended Stay America, and O'Charlie's. Also, Five, an upscale first-class lounge and nightclub, and Jake's Garage, a 25,000-square-foot restaurant with live music, entertainment and interactive games, will soon call Hampton home. More announcements are on the horizon. For continuous updates please visit the City's website at http://www.hampton.gov/whats_hot.html.

New Hampton Community Center Opens

On January 31, West Hampton Community Center, located on the grounds of Lindsay Middle School, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

"The center is welcoming and incorporates so many firsts for the City. We are ecstatic with the design of the facility and how it flows," said Hampton Parks and Recreation Superintendent Art Thatcher. "It's been a long

time coming and will be a wonderful asset to the community."

Visit the West Hampton Community Center to experience all it has to offer:

- Hampton's first indoor climbing wall with a 9 x 9 meter rock surface.
- 6,650 square foot, air conditioned gym with basketball and volleyball courts and an 8-foot perimeter walking path. League play, open basketball and volleyball,

camps, clinics, and a walking club will be some of the many activities offered in the gym.

- 2,200 square foot fitness room with free weights, machines and cardiovascular equipment.
- 1,800 square foot multipurpose room for yoga, dance, aerobics, and a variety of fitness, wellness, and enrichment activities.
- 1,200 square foot community room for

birthday parties, receptions, community meetings, classes and more.

- 1,200 square foot lobby and café style lounge with large screen TV.



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February | COMMUNITY EVENTS

23 Public Meeting for Youth

6:00 p.m., Ruppert Sargent Building, 1 Franklin Street
Calling all Youth! Come out and participate and talk about what Hampton should be like in the future. For more information call 728-3285.

25 Hampton City Council Meeting

7:30 p.m., Council Chambers (8th Floor, City Hall).
Also telecast on the City channel, TV-47.



26 Commanders' Breakfast

7:30 a.m., Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center
Peninsula Military Base Commanders answer questions from members in the community concerning local issues.
For more information or to make a reservation visit www.vpcpc.org or call 262-2000.

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